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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendments prior to examination of this application.

Status of Claims

Claims 19 to 38 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 1 to 18 are being canceled without prejudice.

Amendment

The specification is being amended to insert section headers and an abstract of the disclosure in accordance with 37 CFR §1.77 to better conform with US patent practice. The specification is also being amended to insert a cross-reference to related applications in accordance 37 CFR §1.78 and to claim priority to those applications listed therein. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification entitled "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

New Claims 19 to 38 replace original Claims 1 to 18, and are being presented to better conform with US patent practice. These new claims are supported by the specification for example as shown in the Table below (cites to the specification are for the English translation):

Claim	Support in Specification
18, 38	page 2, line 19 to page 3, line 10
20, 24	page 3, lines 29 to 30
21, 25	page 3, lines 22 to 23
22, 26	page 4, lines 1 to 2
23	page 4, lines 7 to 19
27	page 5, lines 7 to 10
28	page 5, lines 3 to 6
29, 30	page 20, lines 12 to 15
31, 32	page 6, lines 9 to 12, page 7, lines 9 to 15
33, 34	page 9, lines 12 to 17
35	page 10, lines 22 to 25
36	page 13, lines 27 to 30
37	page 18, lines 6 to 9

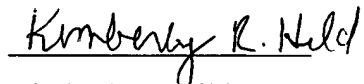
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No new matter is added by the new claims or amendments to the specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-1250 in connection with this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

On page 24, line 1, the heading "CLAIMS" has been amended as shown below:

[CLAIMS] What is claimed is: